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To Booz M. Atterton, New Philadelphia
Muscatawas County Ohio.

K. Ch. 250119

Northampton Jan 19. 1825

Dear Sir:

Your favour of the 20th Nov^r last though long in coming has lain by me unanswered till I am quite ashamed. Yet if you knew the reasons I think you would forgive me, but these being very numerous I can not name them now but shall throw myself on your Clemency.

Your kind congratulations on the successful termination of the late visit ~~to~~ Old England are cheering. It was an errand allowed by the word of God, not against any law of Church or State, demanded on the part of Ohio by necessity and ~~more~~ ^{worthy} the prayers of all the benevolent especially of the friends of the Prot. Episcopal Church in America. And yet from the latter it met with an opposition not to be exceeded had the measure been even so unlawful.

Of the progress and extent of this opposition I have very few of the printed documents to show you ~~the progress~~ ^{I possess a duplicate} ~~and~~ ^{some of them} are ~~these~~ ^{these}. 1. Bishop Hobart's letter to me on my first arrival from Ohio at Kingston ^{the 10th} which I printed ~~without~~ ^{without} answer or comment in the appendix of my letter to Bishop White giving some reason for my going to buy Bishop Hobart's advertisements dated the 13th ^{Nov} 1823 published in London four days before my ^{first} arrival in that city. 3. his 2^d edition of Do greatly enlarged & improved in point of spirit against the Bishop of Ohio. 4. A review in the British Critic I think of Nov

or Dec-1823 of the American Church terminating
in allegations & insinuations against Bp. Hobart. The republica-
tion of these advertisements under the title
of Notices or Notes in the periodicals of Lon-
don. — An anonymous letter against
the plan of an Ohio Seminary, sent in with
the periodical publications by the Wapping
Boys unbeknown to the publishers and thus
thus disseminated ^{over} in Eng?

A pacific paper put forth by B. Pitt
and Mr. ^{from Ohio} Wheaton approving of the
application and soliciting ^{donations} ~~to be~~ ^{to be} subscribers
for themselves. ^{My York Express} NB. after this Bp. Hobart went to Rome.
Mr. Orendon the "Presbyter" arrives
in England while Bp. Hobart is in Rome
and is widely spread. ^{an anonymous publication in} Mr. Morris comes
out in the British Critic with great & person-
al abuse of Bp. Chase.

A letter is address ^{by a Christian} to Lord Kenyon who
was the patron of both Subscriptions refuting
Mr. Morris arguments & justifying Mr. C. — but
treating Bp. Hobart with great tenderness.

Bp. Hobart returns (as Lord Kenyon states)
in cos about the first of July from Rome & re-
mains unknown in London till the 17th of Do-
on the same 17th Bp. Chase sails for America

and Bp. Hobart issues a paper of 16 pages called
"Remarks on the letter addressed to Lord Kenyon
On this